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By ECF and By Hand

The Honorable Dora L. Irizarry  
United States District Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Russell Defreitas  
Criminal Docket No. 07-543 (DLI)

Dear Judge Irizarry:

The government respectfully submits this letter to update the Court concerning the above-referenced defendant's pending application for compassionate release. See ECF Nos. 738 (defendant's motion), 739 (government's opposition), 740 (defendant's reply brief). Based upon records recently received from the Bureau of Prisons, the government understands that the defendant has been vaccinated against COVID-19. He received the first of two shots on February 10, 2021, and the second on March 3, 2021.

The government maintains that the defendant's application for compassionate release should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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